Visa facility to people of Indian origin in Fiji

2440. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether people of Indian origin in Fiji are given any facility to visit India; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether visas are issued to such persons on their arrival at an Indian airport; if so, for what period and under what conditions; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative whether Government are considering grant of visa facility in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. People of Indian origin in Fiji can obtain a Five-year visa with multiple entry facility from any Indian Mission abroad under the liberalised visa policy.

Yoga class by Cultural Centres of ICCR

2441. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cultural centres of ICCR located in Georgetown (Guyana, Paramaribo (Surinam), Port Louis (Mauritius), Jakarta (Indonesia) have expressed interest in holding Yoga classes;

(b) whether Government have worked out the modalities for unning those classes in consultation with the concerned missions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether other countries have also shown similar interest or are already holding Yoga classes, if so, what are their names?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The proposal for creation of posts are to be placed before the Finance Committee and the Governing Body of the ICCR respectively at their next meeting.

(d) ICCR's Jawahar Lal Nehru Cultural Centre in Moscow is already holding Yoga classes where the response has been very good.

Memorandum to UN Military Observers H.Q. on Kashmir Affairs

2442. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a recent Press report to the effect that in Srinagar on Id day a crowd of nearly fifteen thousand people submitted a memorandum to the UN Military Observers Headquarters seeking UN intervention in Kashmir affair and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to ask the UN Mission to close down?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Government of India is aware of submission of memorandum by demonstrators to UNMOGIP.

(b) The Government of India has not so far made a formal request to the U.N. for withdrawal of the U.N Observers but have made it clear to the United Nations that they do not have any role to play in Jammu and Kashmir.

Statement of US Senator on Jammu and Kashmir

2443. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Follow Gandhian Methods' which appeared in *Indian Express* of 8th July, 1990 quoting US Senator, Mr

Alan Cranston as having said that the Indian Government acknowledge that there have been some violations of human rights by the security forces, but denied that the violations have been widespread or condoned, and have agreed to let Amnesty International undertake to ascertain the facts in Kashmir; and

(b) whether during the talks with the Senator in New Delhi recently, Government expressed the view as quoted by the former?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Government are aware of the news item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of July.

(b) During the talks with the Senator, it was reiterated that the Government are deeply committed and fully conscious of the obligations to uphold Human Rights. It was pointed out that our security forces have been acting with great restraint despite constant and indiscriminate campaign of violence unleashed against them by the terrorists supplied with lethal weapons and explosives by Pakistan. The Government's policy on Amnesty Internatioal was conveyed to Senator Cranston.

Union Home Minister's meeting with Chief Ministers of Maharashtra and and Karnataka

2444. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had recenetly held a meeting with the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra and Karnataka to ascertain how far both the Ministers agree for readjustment regarding the border dispute between the two States; and ..

(b) if not, by when Government propose to do the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The Home Minister had invited the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra and Karnataka to attend a meeting in New Delhi on 1st August, 1990. This meeting was postponed as the Chief Minister Karnataka expressed his inability to attend it on account of his official preoccupations at Bangalore. An alternative date for the meeting has not yet been fixed.

Allocation to Andhra Pradesh under Central Road Fund Scheme

2445. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount allocated to Andhra Pradesh under Central Road Fund during Seventh Five Year Plan, year-wise; and

(b) what was the percentage of allocation for the State during the said period in comparison to the other States in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the total cost of schemes approved, funds already released and total funds available for the purpose, amount released to Andhra Pradesh during the 7th Five Year Plan out